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SUBJ: MALTA: SPECIAL PAYMENTS

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1. MISSION AUTHORIZED TO CALL FOR MEETING OF FIVE PLUS
UK TO CONSIDER NEXT STEPS IF NO OTHER CONTRIBUTOR TAKES
LEAD.

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2. US IS PREPARED TO SERVE AS SPOKESMAN IN NEXT APPROACH

TO GOM, ALTHOUGH WE WOULD YIELD TO FRG IF LATTER WILLING TO ASSUME ROLE. WE STILL PREFER THAT ITALIANS NOT RPT NOT SERVE AS SPOKESMAN.

3. RE POST-1973 SPECIAL PAYMENTS, WE ARE PREPARED TO EXTEND CURRENT ARRANGEMENT, ON IDENTICAL TERMS, THROUGH CY-1974. WE BELIEVE REALITIES OF SITUATION DICTATE THIS STEP, AND MISSION SHOULD, AS APPROPRIATE, STRESS OUR VIEW TO OTHER CONTRIBUTORS.

4. DEPARTMENT AGREES WITH EMBASSY VALLETTA (REF B) THAT IT WOULD BE BEST TO INFORM GOM EARLY OF CONTINUATION OF SPECIAL PAYMENTS ARRANGEMENT. IF TIME ALLOWS, MISSION SHOULD PROPOSE COMBINED ANNOUNCEMENT TO GOM OF AMOUNT OF SECOND 1973 SPECIAL PAYMENTS AND EXTENSION OF ARRANGEMENT THROUGH 1974. OF COURSE, FIRST PRIORITY IS MEETING OCTOBER 1 DEADLINE FOR REVEALING SIZE OF SECOND 1973

INSTALLMENTS, AND QUESTION OF FUTURE YEARS SHOULD BE LEFT UNTIL LATER IF IT SEEMS LIKELY TO PRODUCE COMPLICATIONS.

5. WE WISH TO REVIEW ANY PROPOSED MESSAGE TO GOM PRIOR TO TRANSMISSION. RUSH

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